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SUBJECT: ITU REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE;
PROTECTION OF U.S. FOREIGN BROADCASTING OPERATIONS.

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT AT THE DISCRETION OF EACH POST, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT: "THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) WILL CONVENE THE SECOND SESSION OF THE REGIONAL LOW AND MEDIUM FREQUENCY (LF/MF) BROADCASTING CONFERENCE AT GENEVA COMMENCING OCTOBER 6, 1975. THE CONFERENCE WILL PREPARE NEW ASSIGNMENT PLANS FOR LF/MF BROADCASTING IN ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD EXCEPT THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE CONFERENCE AS A PARTICIPANT, THERE ARE UNITED STATES FOREIGN BROADCASTING OPERATIONS IN SOME OF THE COUNTRIES THAT WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE. INCLUDED AMONG THE UNITED STATES BROADCASTING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON RADIO FREQUENCIES TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: AFN - AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK (ALSO IN WEST BERLIN); RFE - RADIO FREE EUROPE; RIAS - RADIO IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR (ALSO IN WEST BERLIN), AND VOA - VOICE OF AMERICA.

AFN AND VOA OPERATE ALSO IN GREECE. PARAGRAPH. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS OF THE VIEW THAT ITS FOREIGN BROADCASTING OPERATIONS ARE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY, BOTH THROUGH THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDED AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE AND OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, AND PROMOTION OF THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 19 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PARAGRAPH. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PREFERS THAT THE CONFERENCE ENABLE THE U.S. FOREIGN BROADCASTING OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE ON THE RADIO FREQUENCIES AS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENTS, THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT IS TO
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MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE OPERATIONS, ACCOMMODATING THEM ON SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE FREQUENCIES IF NECESSARY. PARAGRAPH. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF (INSERT) SHARES THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF U.S. FOREIGN BROADCASTING AND THAT AT THE CONFERENCE THE GOVERNMENT OF (INSERT) WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE POLITICAL AND

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TECHNICAL MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS
TO ASSIST THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND GREECE
IN ATTAINING THE RADIO FREQUENCIES NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN
THE FOREIGN BROADCASTING OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED

STATES INCLUDING THOSE IN WEST BERLIN."

2. THE HOST AUTHORITY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT ALTHOUGH
THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE
CONFERENCE, A COMPETENT U.S. TEAM WILL BE IN
GENEVA FOR LIAISON AND COORDINATION WITH DELEGATIONS,
DOING SO OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE. THE TEAM WILL BE
HEADED BY GORDON L. HUFFCUTT, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, STATE, AND WILL INCLUDE REPRE-
SENTATIVES OF THE U.S. FOREIGN BROADCASTERS. CONTACTS
WITH DELEGATIONS CONCERNED WILL BE MADE EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. ADVISE REACTIONS. SISCO

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